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**DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A COMBINATION OF
 α -AMYLASES FOR MALODOR STRIPPING**

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to detergent compositions comprising a combination of different α -amylases delivering improved malodor stripping from soiled items in hard surface cleaning, dishwashing and laundry applications.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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For a number of years amylase enzymes have been used for a variety of different purposes, the most important of which are starch liquefaction, textile desizing, starch modification in the paper and pulp industry, and for brewing and baking. A further use of amylases which is becoming increasingly important, is the removal of starch containing soils and stains during the washing of fabrics, hard surfaces and dishes.

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Indeed, amylase enzymes have long been recognised in dishwashing, hard surface cleaning and laundry compositions to provide the removal of starchy food residues or starchy films from dishware, flatware, glasses and hard surfaces or to provide cleaning performance on starchy soils as well as other soils typically encountered in laundry applications.

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WO/94/02597, Novo Nordisk A/S published February 03, 1994, describes cleaning compositions which incorporate mutant amylases. See also WO/94/18314, Genencor, published August 18, 1994 and WO/95/10603, Novo Nordisk A/S, published April 20, 1995.

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Other amylases known for use in cleaning compositions include both α - and β -amylases. α -Amylases are known in the art and include those disclosed in US Pat. no. 5,003,257; EP 252,666; WO/91/00353; FR
5 2,676,456; EP 285,123; EP 525,610; EP 368,341; and British Patent specification no. 1,296,839 (Novo).

Examples of commercial α -amylases products are Termamyl® Ban® and Fungamyl®, all available from Novo Nordisk A/S Denmark.

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Recently new amylases have been identified and are described in WO/95/26397, Novo Nordisk A/S, published October 05, 1995, disclosing an α -amylase having a specific activity superior than Termamyl®.

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Combinations of an α -amylase with a starch debranching enzyme selected from pullulanase, isopullulanase and iso amylase are described in EP 368 341, J04065494 and J06172796 for enhanced detergency against dirt containing starch, fat, oils and proteins in laundry and automatic dishwashing.

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It has now been discovered that odorous materials are entrapped into different types of amylase-susceptible and everyday stains found on fabrics, dishware, hard surfaces and the like and that an uncomplete and unefficient removal of such stains leads to malodor formation.

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It has now surprisingly been found that the combined use of different α -amylases improves the removal of malodor coming from different types of amylase susceptible and everyday stains. Especially good malodor control on everyday stains such as body soils is obtained when
30 the amylases are further combined with a cellulase.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide detergent compositions containing α -amylases which exhibit a good malodor control on amylase-suceptible and everyday stains.

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It is another object of the present invention to provide detergent compositions containing α -amylase enzymes which exhibit a good malodor control on body soils.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to detergent compositions comprising a combination of different α -amylases delivering improved malodor stripping from soiled items in hard surface cleaning, dishwashing and laundry applications.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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α -Amylase Enzymes

Essential components of the detergent compositions of the present invention are α -amylase enzymes.

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Without wishing to be bound by any theory, it is believed that a combination of several α -amylases provides a more effective activity in solution and/or a broader hydrolytic cleavage pattern than a single amylase type as different amylases show different hydrolytic activity on various substrates. Odorous materials are entrapped into these substrates and a rapid and effective hydrolysis achieved on several different cleavage points allows a more effective suspension and dissolution of the odorous materials therein entrapped.

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Suitable α -amylases include those disclosed in US Pat. no. 5,003,257; EP 252,666; WO/91/00353; FR 2,676,456; EP 285,123; EP 525,610; EP 368,341; and British Patent specification no. 1,296,839 (Novo). Examples of commercial α -amylases products are Termamyl® Ban® and Fungamyl®, all available from Novo Nordisk A/S Denmark. Other suitable α -amylases are derived from *B. Subtilis* or *B. stearothermophilus*.

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Other α -amylases herein have the commonality of being derived using site-directed mutagenesis from one or more of the *Bacillus* α -amylases, regardless of whether one, two or multiple amylases strains are the immediate precursors.

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α -Amylases of this invention include those amylases having improved stability in detergents, especially improved oxidative stability. In general, the stability-enhanced amylases can be obtained from Novo Nordisk A/S or from Genencor International :

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(a) An amylase according the WO94/02597, Novo Nordisk A/s published Feb. 3, 1994 :

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(i) a variant α -amylase wherein one or more of the Met amino residues is exchanged with any amino acid residue except for Cys and Met,

(ii) a *Bacillus* α -amylase according to (i),

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(iii) a variant α -amylase according to (i-ii) wherein one or more Met amino acid residues is exchanged with a Leu, Thr, Ala, Gly, Ser, Ile, or Asp amino acid residue, preferably a Leu, Thr, Ala or Gly amino acid residue,

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(iv) a variant α -amylase according to (i) in which substitution is made, using preferably Ala or Thr (more preferably Thr), of the Met residue located in position 197 of the *B. lichenformis* α -amylase, or the homologous position variation of as similar parent amylase, such as *B. amyloliquefaciens*, *B. Subtilis*, or *B. stearothermophilus*;

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(b) Stability-enhanced amylases, including Purafact Ox AM[®], as described in WO94/18314, published August 18, 1994. Therein it was noted that improved oxidative stability amylases have been made by Genencor from *B. lichenformis* NCIB8061. Met was identified as the most likely residue to be modified. Met was substituted, one at a time, in positions 8, 15, 197, 256, 304, 366 and 438 leading to specific mutants, particularly important being M197L and M197T with the M197T variant being the most stable expressed variant; corresponding α -amylases will therefore include :

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(i) a variant α -amylase that is the expression product of a mutated DNA sequence encoding an α -amylase, the mutated DNA sequence being derived from a precursor α -amylase by the deletion or

substitution of one or more oxidisable acids selected from the group consisting of Met, Trp, Cys and Tyr amino acid residues, in the precursor α -amylase,

5 (ii) a variant α -amylase according to (i) wherein the oxidisable amino acid residue to be deleted or substituted is a Met in the precursor α -amylase equivalent to +8, +15, +197, +256, +304, +366 or +438 in *Bacillus licheniformis* α -amylase,

(iii) a variant α -amylase according to (ii) which is M197T;

10 (c) Preferred herein are amylase variants having additional modification in the immediate parent available from Novo Nordisk A/S. These amylases are disclosed in WO95/10603, published April 1995 :

(i) A variant of a parent α -amylase enzyme having an improved washing and/or dishwashing performance as compared to the parent
15 enzyme, wherein one or more amino acid of the parent enzyme has been replaced by a different amino acid and/or wherein one or more amino acid have been deleted and/or wherein one or more amino acid have been added to the parent α -amylase enzyme, provided that the variant is different from one in which the Met in position 197 of
20 parent *B. licheniformis* α -amylase has been replaced by Ala or Thr amino acid residue, as the only modification being made,

(ii) A variant according to (i) comprising a C-terminal part of an α -amylase derived from *B. licheniformis* and a N-terminal part of an α -amylase derived from *B. amyloliquefaciens* or from *B. stearothermophilus*,
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(iii) A variant known as Duramyl® according to (ii) wherein the Met amino acid residue at position 197 has been substituted preferably by a Leu, Thr, Ala, Gly, Ser, Ile or Asp amino acid residue;

30 WO95/26397 Novo Nordisk, published October 05, 1995 describes other suitable amylases : α -amylases characterised by having a specific activity at least 25% higher than the specific activity of Termamyl® at a temperature range of 25°C to 55°C and at a pH value in the range of 8 to 10, measured by the Phadebas® α -amylase activity assay. Such Phadebas®
35 α -amylase activity assay is described at pages 9-10, WO95/26397;

Amylolytic enzymes with improved properties with respect to the activity level and the combination of thermostability and a higher activity level are described in WO95/35382. These improved properties render the α -amylases more suitable for more acidic or alkaline conditions and allow the reduction of the calcium concentration without a loss of performance of the enzyme :

(i) Said α -amylase is derived from an α -amylase of *Bacillus licheniformis* or an enzyme having at least 70% amino acid identity therewith which comprises one or more amino acid changes at positions selected from the group consisting of positions 104, 128, 187 and 188 of the amino acid sequence of the α -amylase of *Bacillus licheniformis*,

(ii) A variant according to (i) wherein at least one additional amino acid change selected from the group consisting of His at position 133 to Tyr, and Thr at position 149 to Ile.

Preferred combinations of α -amylases are combinations of a non-modified α -amylase derived from *B. licheniformis*,

B. amyloliquefaciens, *B. Subtilis* or *B. stearothermophilus* with a α -amylase as described herein above under (a)-(c) and/or WO95/26397 and/or WO95/35382. A more preferred combination is the combination of the α -amylase derived from *B. licheniformis*, known as Termamyl[®] and an α -amylase as described in WO95/10603, known as Duramyl[®]. The detergent compositions of the present invention can comprise a combination of more than two α -amylases.

A cellulase can be added to such combinations.

These enzymes are incorporated into detergent compositions at a level from 0.0001% to 0.1% total pure α -enzymes by weight of the total composition, preferably from 0.0002% to 0.06%, more preferably from 0.0003% to 0.05% total pure α -amylase enzymes by weight of total composition. The α -amylases are preferably incorporated into the detergent compositions of the present invention in the range of from 1:3 to 3:1, more preferred ratios are 1:1, 3:7 or 7:3.

Cellulase Enzyme

The cellulases usable in the present invention include both bacterial or fungal cellulase. Preferably, they will have a pH optimum of between 5 and 9.5. Suitable cellulases are disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,435,307, 5 Barbesgaard et al, which discloses fungal cellulase produced from *Humicola insolens*. Suitable cellulases are also disclosed in GB-A-2.075.028; GB-A-2.095.275 and DE-OS-2.247.832.

Examples of cellulase components which may be usable in the 10 present invention are :

The complex of cellulases commercially available under the tradename Celluzyme[®], or

A cellobiohydrolase component which is immunoreactive with an antibody raised against a highly purified 70kD cellobiohydrolase (EC 3.2.1.91) 15 derived from *Humicola insolens*, DSM 1800, or which is a homologue or derivative of the 70kD cellobiohydrolase exhibiting cellulase activity, or an endoglucanase component which is immunoreactive with an antibody raised against a highly purified 50kD endoglucanase derived from *Humicola insolens*, DSM 1800, or which is a homologue or derivative of 20 the 50kD endoglucanase exhibiting cellulase activity; a preferred endoglucanase component has the amino acid sequence disclosed in PCT Patent Application No. WO91/17244, or

an endoglucanase component which is immunoreactive with an antibody raised against a highly purified 50kD (apparent molecular weight, the 25 amino acid composition corresponds to 45kD with 2n glycosylation sites) endoglucanase derived from *Fusarium oxysporum*, DSM 2672, or which is a homologue or derivative of the 50kD endoglucanase exhibiting cellulase activity; a preferred endoglucanase component has the amino acid sequence disclosed in PCT Patent Application No. WO91/17244, or

30 any of the cellulases disclosed in the published European Patent Application No. EP-A2-271 004, the cellulases having a non-degrading index (NDI) of not less than 500 and being alkalophilic cellulases having an optimum pH not less than 7 or whose relative activity at a pH of not less than 8 is 50% or over of the activity under optimum conditions when 35 carboxy methyl cellulose (CMC) is used as a substrate, or

an endoglucanase component which is immunoreactive with an antibody raised against a highly purified 43kD endoglucanase derived from

Humicola insolens, DSM 1800, or which is a homologue or derivative of the 43kD endoglucanase exhibiting cellulase activity; a preferred endoglucanase component has the amino acid sequence disclosed in PCT Patent Application No. WO 91/17243, or

- 5 an endoglucanase component which is immunoreactive with an antibody raised against a highly purified 60kD endoglucanase derived from Bacillus lautus, NCIMB 40250, or which is a homologue or derivative of the 60kD endoglucanase exhibiting cellulase activity; a preferred endoglucanase component has the amino acid sequence disclosed in PCT Patent
10 Application No. WO 91/10732.

Especially suitable cellulases are the cellulases having color care benefits. Examples of such cellulases are cellulases described in European patent application No. 91202879.2, filed November 6, 1991 (Novo).

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- According to the present invention, preferred cellulases are those as described in Danish Patent Application 1159/90 or PCT patent application WO91/17243 which is also known as Carezyme^(TM) available from Novo Nordisk A/S in Bagsvaerd, in Denmark. The cellulase preparation described
20 in these publications and the Carezyme^(TM) consistent with this description, can consist essentially of a homogeneous endoglucanase component, which is immunoreactive with an anti-body raised against a highly purified 43 kD cellulase derived from Humicola Insulens, DSM 1800, or which is homologous to said 43 kD endoglucanase. An alternative
25 screening for appropriate cellulases for use in the laundry detergent composition according to the present invention is the method specified in EP-A-495 258 or more specifically in EP-A-350 098.

- For industrial production of the cellulase preparation herein, however, it is preferred to employ recombinant DNA techniques or other
30 techniques involving adjustments of fermentations or mutation of the microorganisms involved to ensure overproduction of the desired enzymatic activities. Such methods and techniques are known in the art and may readily be carried out by persons skilled in the art.

- 35 Preferred cellulases to be used in the present invention are 50 kD end glucanase and 43kD endoglucanase.

Detergent components

5 The detergent compositions of the invention may also contain additional detergent components. The precise nature of these additional components, and levels of incorporation thereof will depend on the physical form of the composition, and the nature of the cleaning operation for which it is to be used.

10 The cleaning compositions according to the invention can be liquid, paste, gels, bars, tablets, powder or granular forms. Granular compositions can also be in "compact" form, the liquid compositions can also be in a "concentrated" form.

15 The compositions of the invention may for example, be formulated as hard surface cleaner, hand and machine dishwashing compositions, hand and machine laundry detergent compositions including laundry additive compositions and compositions suitable for use in the soaking and/or pretreatment of stained fabrics, rinse added fabric softener
20 compositions.

 When formulated as compositions for use in manual dishwashing methods the compositions of the invention preferably contain a surfactant and preferably other detergent compounds selected from organic polymeric
25 compounds, suds enhancing agents, group II metal ions, solvents, hydrotropes and additional enzymes.

 When formulated as compositions suitable for use in a laundry machine washing method, the compositions of the invention preferably
30 contain both a surfactant and a builder compound and additionally one or more detergent components preferably selected from organic polymeric compounds, bleaching agents, additional enzymes, suds suppressors, dispersants, lime-soap dispersants, soil suspension and anti-redeposition agents and corrosion inhibitors. Laundry compositions can also contain
35 softening agents, as additional detergent components.

The compositions of the invention can also be used as detergent additive products. Such additive products are intended to supplement or boost the performance of conventional detergent compositions.

- 5 If needed the density of the granular laundry detergent compositions herein ranges from 400 to 1200 g/litre, preferably 600 to 950 g/litre of composition measured at 20°C.

10 The "compact" form of the granular laundry detergent compositions herein is best reflected by density and, in terms of composition, by the amount of inorganic filler salt; inorganic filler salts are conventional ingredients of detergent compositions in powder form; in conventional detergent compositions, the filler salts are present in substantial amounts, typically 17-35% by weight of the total composition.

- 15 In the compact compositions, the filler salt is present in amounts not exceeding 15% of the total composition, preferably not exceeding 10%, most preferably not exceeding 5% by weight of the composition.

20 The inorganic filler salts, such as meant in the present compositions are selected from the alkali and alkaline-earth-metal salts of sulphates and chlorides.

A preferred filler salt is sodium sulphate.

- 25 Liquid detergent compositions according to the present invention can also be in a "concentrated form", in such case, the liquid detergent compositions according the present invention will contain a lower amount of water, compared to conventional liquid detergents.

Typically the water content of the concentrated liquid detergent is preferably less than 40%, more preferably less than 30%, most preferably less than 20% by weight of the detergent composition.

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Surfactant system

- 35 The detergent compositions according to the present invention comprise a surfactant system wherein the surfactant can be selected from nonionic and/or anionic and/or cationic and/or ampholytic and/or zwitterionic and/or semi-polar surfactants.

The surfactant is typically present at a level of from 0.1% to 60% by weight. More preferred levels of incorporation are 1% to 35% by weight, most preferably from 1% to 20% by weight of detergent compositions in accord with the invention.

The surfactant is preferably formulated to be compatible with enzyme components present in the composition. In liquid or gel compositions the surfactant is most preferably formulated such that it promotes, or at least does not degrade, the stability of any enzyme in these compositions.

Preferred surfactant systems to be used according to the present invention comprise as a surfactant one or more of the nonionic and/or anionic surfactants described herein.

Polyethylene, polypropylene, and polybutylene oxide condensates of alkyl phenols are suitable for use as the nonionic surfactant of the surfactant systems of the present invention, with the polyethylene oxide condensates being preferred. These compounds include the condensation products of alkyl phenols having an alkyl group containing from about 6 to about 14 carbon atoms, preferably from about 8 to about 14 carbon atoms, in either a straight-chain or branched-chain configuration with the alkylene oxide. In a preferred embodiment, the ethylene oxide is present in an amount equal to from about 2 to about 25 moles, more preferably from about 3 to about 15 moles, of ethylene oxide per mole of alkyl phenol. Commercially available nonionic surfactants of this type include IgepalTM CO-630, marketed by the GAF Corporation; and TritonTM X-45, X-114, X-100 and X-102, all marketed by the Rohm & Haas Company. These surfactants are commonly referred to as alkylphenol alkoxylates (e.g., alkyl phenol ethoxylates).

The condensation products of primary and secondary aliphatic alcohols with from about 1 to about 25 moles of ethylene oxide are suitable for use as the nonionic surfactant of the nonionic surfactant systems of the present invention. The alkyl chain of the aliphatic alcohol can either be straight or branched, primary or secondary, and generally contains from about 8 to about 22 carbon atoms. Preferred are the

condensation products of alcohols having an alkyl group containing from about 8 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably from about 10 to about 18 carbon atoms, with from about 2 to about 10 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol. About 2 to about 7 moles of ethylene oxide and most preferably from 2 to 5 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol are present in said condensation products. Examples of commercially available nonionic surfactants of this type include TergitolTM 15-S-9 (the condensation product of C₁₁-C₁₅ linear alcohol with 9 moles ethylene oxide), TergitolTM 24-L-6 NMW (the condensation product of C₁₂-C₁₄ primary alcohol with 6 moles ethylene oxide with a narrow molecular weight distribution), both marketed by Union Carbide Corporation; NeodolTM 45-9 (the condensation product of C₁₄-C₁₅ linear alcohol with 9 moles of ethylene oxide), NeodolTM 23-3 (the condensation product of C₁₂-C₁₃ linear alcohol with 3.0 moles of ethylene oxide), NeodolTM 45-7 (the condensation product of C₁₄-C₁₅ linear alcohol with 7 moles of ethylene oxide), NeodolTM 45-5 (the condensation product of C₁₄-C₁₅ linear alcohol with 5 moles of ethylene oxide) marketed by Shell Chemical Company, KyroTM EOB (the condensation product of C₁₃-C₁₅ alcohol with 9 moles ethylene oxide), marketed by The Procter & Gamble Company, and Genapol LA O3O or O5O (the condensation product of C₁₂-C₁₄ alcohol with 3 or 5 moles of ethylene oxide) marketed by Hoechst. Preferred range of HLB in these products is from 8-11 and most preferred from 8-10.

Also useful as the nonionic surfactant of the surfactant systems of the present invention are the alkylpolysaccharides disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,565,647, Llenado, issued January 21, 1986, having a hydrophobic group containing from about 6 to about 30 carbon atoms, preferably from about 10 to about 16 carbon atoms and a polysaccharide, e.g. a polyglycoside, hydrophilic group containing from about 1.3 to about 10, preferably from about 1.3 to about 3, most preferably from about 1.3 to about 2.7 saccharide units. Any reducing saccharide containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms can be used, e.g., glucose, galactose and galactosyl moieties can be substituted for the glucosyl moieties (optionally the hydrophobic group is attached at the 2-, 3-, 4-, etc. positions thus giving a glucose or galactose as opposed to a glucoside or galactoside). The intersaccharide bonds can be, e.g., between the one position of the additional saccharide

units and the 2-, 3-, 4-, and/or 6- positions on the preceding saccharide units.

The preferred alkylpolyglycosides have the formula



wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkylphenyl, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkylphenyl, and mixtures thereof in which the alkyl groups contain from about 10 to about 18, preferably from about 12 to about 14, carbon atoms; n is 2 or 3, preferably 2; t is from 0 to about 10, preferably 0; and x is from about 1.3 to about 10, preferably from about 1.3 to about 3, most preferably from about 1.3 to about 2.7. The glycosyl is preferably derived from glucose. To prepare these compounds, the alcohol or alkylpolyethoxy alcohol is formed first and then reacted with glucose, or a source of glucose, to form the glucoside (attachment at the 1-position). The additional glycosyl units can then be attached between their 1-position and the preceding glycosyl units 2-, 3-, 4- and/or 6-position, preferably predominately the 2-position.

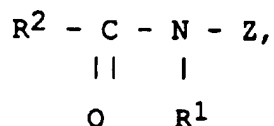
20 The condensation products of ethylene oxide with a hydrophobic base formed by the condensation of propylene oxide with propylene glycol are also suitable for use as the additional nonionic surfactant systems of the present invention. The hydrophobic portion of these compounds will preferably have a molecular weight of from about 1500 to about 1800 and will exhibit water insolubility. The addition of polyoxyethylene moieties to this hydrophobic portion tends to increase the water solubility of the molecule as a whole, and the liquid character of the product is retained up to the point where the polyoxyethylene content is about 50% of the total weight of the condensation product, which corresponds to condensation with up to about 40 moles of ethylene oxide. Examples of compounds of this type include certain of the commercially-available PluronicTM surfactants, marketed by BASF.

35 Also suitable for use as the nonionic surfactant of the nonionic surfactant system of the present invention, are the condensation products of ethylene oxide with the product resulting from the reaction of propylene oxide and ethylenediamine. The hydrophobic moiety of these products

consists of the reaction product of ethyl nediamine and excess propylene oxide, and generally has a molecular weight of from about 2500 to about 3000. This hydrophobic moiety is condensed with ethylene oxide to the extent that the condensation product contains from about 40% to about 80% by weight of polyoxyethylene and has a molecular weight of from about 5,000 to about 11,000. Examples of this type of nonionic surfactant include certain of the commercially available TetronicTM compounds, marketed by BASF.

Preferred for use as the nonionic surfactant of the surfactant systems of the present invention are polyethylene oxide condensates of alkyl phenols, condensation products of primary and secondary aliphatic alcohols with from about 1 to about 25 moles of ethylene oxide, alkylpolysaccharides, and mixtures thereof. Most preferred are C₈-C₁₄ alkyl phenol ethoxylates having from 3 to 15 ethoxy groups and C₈-C₁₈ alcohol ethoxylates (preferably C₁₀ avg.) having from 2 to 10 ethoxy groups, and mixtures thereof.

Highly preferred nonionic surfactants are polyhydroxy fatty acid amide surfactants of the formula.

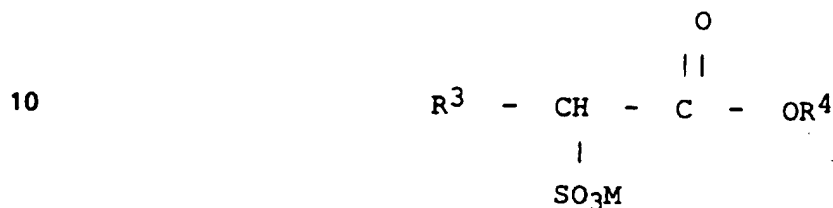


wherein R¹ is H, or R¹ is C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl, 2-hydroxy ethyl, 2-hydroxy propyl or a mixture thereof, R² is C₅₋₃₁ hydrocarbyl, and Z is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl having a linear hydrocarbyl chain with at least 3 hydroxyls directly connected to the chain, or an alkoxyated derivative thereof. Preferably, R¹ is methyl, R² is a straight C₁₁₋₁₅ alkyl or C₁₆₋₁₈ alkyl or alkenyl chain such as coconut alkyl or mixtures thereof, and Z is derived from a reducing sugar such as glucose, fructose, maltose, lactose, in a reductive amination reaction.

Suitable anionic surfactants to be used are linear alkyl benzene sulfonate, alkyl ester sulfonate surfactants including linear esters of C₈-C₂₀ carboxylic acids (i.e., fatty acids) which are sulfonated with gaseous

SO₃ according to "The Journal of the American Oil Chemists Society", 52 (1975), pp. 323-329. Suitable starting materials would include natural fatty substances as derived from tallow, palm oil, etc.

The preferred alkyl ester sulfonate surfactant, especially for laundry applications, comprise alkyl ester sulfonate surfactants of the structural formula :



wherein R³ is a C₈-C₂₀ hydrocarbyl, preferably an alkyl, or combination thereof, R⁴ is a C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyl, preferably an alkyl, or combination thereof, and M is a cation which forms a water soluble salt with the alkyl ester sulfonate. Suitable salt-forming cations include metals such as sodium, potassium, and lithium, and substituted or unsubstituted ammonium cations, such as monoethanolamine, diethanolamine, and triethanolamine. Preferably, R³ is C₁₀-C₁₆ alkyl, and R⁴ is methyl, ethyl or isopropyl. Especially preferred are the methyl ester sulfonates wherein R³ is C₁₀-C₁₆ alkyl.

Other suitable anionic surfactants include the linear alkyl benzene sulfonate, alkyl sulfate surfactants which are water soluble salts or acids of the formula ROSO₃M wherein R preferably is a C₁₀-C₂₄ hydrocarbyl, preferably an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl having a C₁₀-C₂₀ alkyl component, more preferably a C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl or hydroxyalkyl, and M is H or a cation, e.g., an alkali metal cation (e.g. sodium, potassium, lithium), or ammonium or substituted ammonium (e.g. methyl-, dimethyl-, and trimethyl ammonium cations and quaternary ammonium cations such as tetramethyl-ammonium and dimethyl piperdinium cations and quaternary ammonium cations derived from alkylamines such as ethylamine, diethylamine, triethylamine, and mixtures thereof, and the like). Typically, alkyl chains of C₁₂-C₁₆ are preferred for lower wash temperatures (e.g. below about 50°C) and C₁₆-C₁₈ alkyl chains are preferred for higher wash temperatures (e.g. above about 50°C).

Other anionic surfactants useful for deterative purposes can also be included in the detergent compositions of the present invention. These can include salts (including, for example, sodium, potassium, ammonium, and substituted ammonium salts such as mono-, di- and triethanolamine salts) of soap, C₈-C₂₂ primary or secondary alkanesulfonates, C₈-C₂₄ olefinsulfonates, sulfonated polycarboxylic acids prepared by sulfonation of the pyrolyzed product of alkaline earth metal citrates, e.g., as described in British patent specification No. 1,082,179, C₈-C₂₄ alkylpolyglycoethersulfates (containing up to 10 moles of ethylene oxide); alkyl glycerol sulfonates, fatty acyl glycerol sulfonates, fatty oleyl glycerol sulfates, alkyl phenol ethylene oxide ether sulfates, paraffin sulfonates, alkyl phosphates, isethionates such as the acyl isethionates, N-acyl taurates, alkyl succinamates and sulfosuccinates, monoesters of sulfosuccinates (especially saturated and unsaturated C₁₂-C₁₈ monoesters) and diesters of sulfosuccinates (especially saturated and unsaturated C₆-C₁₂ diesters), acyl sarcosinates, sulfates of alkylpolysaccharides such as the sulfates of alkylpolyglucoside (the nonionic nonsulfated compounds being described below), branched primary alkyl sulfates, and alkyl polyethoxy carboxylates such as those of the formula RO(CH₂CH₂O)_k-CH₂COO-M⁺ wherein R is a C₈-C₂₂ alkyl, k is an integer from 1 to 10, and M is a soluble salt-forming cation. Resin acids and hydrogenated resin acids are also suitable, such as rosin, hydrogenated rosin, and resin acids and hydrogenated resin acids present in or derived from tall oil.

Further examples are described in "Surface Active Agents and Detergents" (Vol. I and II by Schwartz, Perry and Berch). A variety of such surfactants are also generally disclosed in U.S. Patent 3,929,678, issued December 30, 1975 to Laughlin, et al. at Column 23, line 58 through Column 29, line 23 (herein incorporated by reference).

When included therein, the laundry detergent compositions of the present invention typically comprise from about 1% to about 40%, preferably from about 3% to about 20% by weight of such anionic surfactants.

Highly preferred anionic surfactants include alkyl alkoxylated sulfate surfactants hereof or water soluble salts or acids of the formula RO(A)_mSO₃M wherein R is an unsubstituted C₁₀-C₂₄ alkyl or hydroxyalkyl

gr up having a C₁₀-C₂₄ alkyl component, preferably a C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl or hydroxyalkyl, more preferably C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl or hydroxyalkyl, A is an ethoxy or propoxy unit, m is greater than zero, typically between about 0.5 and about 6, more preferably between about 0.5 and about 3, and M is H or a cation which can be, for example, a metal cation (e.g., sodium, potassium, lithium, calcium, magnesium, etc.), ammonium or substituted-ammonium cation. Alkyl ethoxylated sulfates as well as alkyl propoxylated sulfates are contemplated herein. Specific examples of substituted ammonium cations include methyl-, dimethyl, trimethyl-ammonium cations and quaternary ammonium cations such as tetramethyl-ammonium and dimethyl piperdinium cations and those derived from alkylamines such as ethylamine, diethylamine, triethylamine, mixtures thereof, and the like. Exemplary surfactants are C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl polyethoxylate (1.0) sulfate (C₁₂-C₁₈E(1.0)M), C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl polyethoxylate (2.25) sulfate (C₁₂-C₁₈E(2.25)M), C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl polyethoxylate (3.0) sulfate (C₁₂-C₁₈E(3.0)M), and C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl polyethoxylate (4.0) sulfate (C₁₂-C₁₈E(4.0)M), wherein M is conveniently selected from sodium and potassium.

The detergent compositions of the present invention may also contain cationic, ampholytic, zwitterionic, and semi-polar surfactants, as well as the nonionic and/or anionic surfactants other than those already described herein.

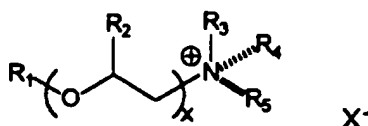
Cationic detergents suitable for use in the detergent compositions of the present invention are those having one long-chain hydrocarbyl group. Examples of such cationic surfactants include the ammonium surfactants such as alkyltrimethylammonium halogenides, and those surfactants having the formula :



wherein R² is an alkyl or alkyl benzyl group having from about 8 to about 18 carbon atoms in the alkyl chain, each R³ is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH(CH₃)-, -CH₂CH(CH₂OH)-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, and mixtures thereof; each R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ hydroxyalkyl, benzyl ring structures formed by joining

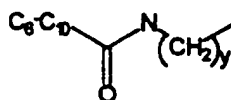
the two R^4 groups, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}-\text{CHOHCOR}^6\text{CHOHCH}_2\text{OH}$ wherein R^6 is any hexos or hexose polymer having a molecular weight less than about 1000, and hydrogen when y is not 0; R^5 is the same as R^4 or is an alkyl chain wherein the total number of carbon atoms of R^2 plus R^5 is not more than about 18; each y is from 0 to about 10 and the sum of the y values is from 0 to about 15; and X is any compatible anion.

Quaternary ammonium surfactant suitable for the present invention has the formula (I):



Formula I

whereby R_1 is a short chainlength alkyl (C6-C10) or alkylamidoalkyl of the formula (II) :



Formula II

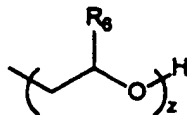
y is 2-4, preferably 3.

whereby R_2 is H or a C1-C3 alkyl,

whereby x is 0-4, preferably 0-2, most preferably 0,

whereby R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are either the same or different and can be either a short chain alkyl (C1-C3) or alkoxyalkyl of the formula III,

whereby X^- is a counterion, preferably a halide, e.g. chloride or methylsulfate.



Formula III

R_6 is C₁-C₄ and z is 1 or 2.

Preferred quat ammonium surfactants are those as defined in formula I whereby

R_1 is C_8 , C_{10} or mixtures thereof, $x = 0$,
 R_3 , $R_4 = CH_3$ and $R_5 = CH_2CH_2OH$.

Highly preferred cationic surfactants are the water-soluble
 5 quaternary ammonium compounds useful in the present composition
 having the formula :



wherein R_1 is C_8 - C_{16} alkyl, each of R_2 , R_3 and R_4 is independently C_1 - C_4
 10 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 hydroxy alkyl, benzyl, and $-(C_2H_4O)_xH$ where x has a value
 from 2 to 5, and X is an anion. Not more than one of R_2 , R_3 or R_4 should
 be benzyl.

The preferred alkyl chain length for R_1 is C_{12} - C_{15} particularly where the
 alkyl group is a mixture of chain lengths derived from coconut or palm
 15 kernel fat or is derived synthetically by olefin build up or OXO alcohols
 synthesis. Preferred groups for R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are methyl and
 hydroxyethyl groups and the anion X may be selected from halide,
 methosulphate, acetate and phosphate ions.

Examples of suitable quaternary ammonium compounds of formulae (i) for
 20 use herein are :

coconut trimethyl ammonium chloride or bromide;
 coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium chloride or bromide;
 decyl triethyl ammonium chloride;
 decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride or bromide;
 25 C_{12-15} dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride or bromide;
 coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride or bromide;
 myristyl trimethyl ammonium methyl sulphate;
 lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride or bromide;
 lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy) $_4$ ammonium chloride or bromide;
 30 choline esters (compounds of formula (i) wherein R_1 is
 $CH_2-CH_2-O-C-C_{12-14}$ alkyl and $R_2R_3R_4$ are methyl).

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di-alkyl imidazolines [compounds of formula (ii)].

Other cationic surfactants useful herein are also described in U.S. Patent 4,228,044, Cambre, issued October 14, 1980 and in European Patent Application EP 000,224.

5 When included therein, the detergent compositions of the present invention typically comprise from 0.2% to about 25%, preferably from about 1% to about 8% by weight of such cationic surfactants.

10 Ampholytic surfactants are also suitable for use in the detergent compositions of the present invention. These surfactants can be broadly described as aliphatic derivatives of secondary or tertiary amines, or aliphatic derivatives of heterocyclic secondary and tertiary amines in which the aliphatic radical can be straight- or branched-chain. One of the aliphatic substituents contains at least about 8 carbon atoms, typically from about 8
15 to about 18 carbon atoms, and at least one contains an anionic water-solubilizing group, e.g. carboxy, sulfonate, sulfate. See U.S. Patent No. 3,929,678 to Laughlin et al., issued December 30, 1975 at column 19, lines 18-35, for examples of ampholytic surfactants.

20 When included therein, the detergent compositions of the present invention typically comprise from 0.2% to about 15%, preferably from about 1% to about 10% by weight of such ampholytic surfactants.

25 Zwitterionic surfactants are also suitable for use in detergent compositions. These surfactants can be broadly described as derivatives of secondary and tertiary amines, derivatives of heterocyclic secondary and tertiary amines, or derivatives of quaternary ammonium, quaternary phosphonium or tertiary sulfonium compounds. See U.S. Patent No. 3,929,678 to Laughlin et al., issued December 30, 1975 at column 19, line
30 38 through column 22, line 48, for examples of zwitterionic surfactants.

 When included therein, the detergent compositions of the present invention typically comprise from 0.2% to about 15%, preferably from about 1% to about 10% by weight of such zwitterionic surfactants.

35 Semi-polar nonionic surfactants are a special category of nonionic surfactants which include water-soluble amine oxides containing one alkyl moiety of from about 10 to about 18 carbon atoms and 2 moieties selected

from the group consisting of alkyl groups and hydroxyalkyl groups containing from about 1 to about 3 carbon atoms; water-soluble phosphine oxides containing one alkyl moiety of from about 10 to about 18 carbon atoms and 2 moieties selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and hydroxyalkyl groups containing from about 1 to about 3 carbon atoms; and water-soluble sulfoxides containing one alkyl moiety of from about 10 to about 18 carbon atoms and a moiety selected from the group consisting of alkyl and hydroxyalkyl moieties of from about 1 to about 3 carbon atoms.

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Semi-polar nonionic detergent surfactants include the amine oxide surfactants having the formula



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wherein R^3 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkyl phenyl group or mixtures thereof containing from about 8 to about 22 carbon atoms; R^4 is an alkylene or hydroxyalkylene group containing from about 2 to about 3 carbon atoms or mixtures thereof; x is from 0 to about 3; and each R^5 is an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group containing from about 1 to about 3 carbon atoms or a polyethylene oxide group containing from about 1 to about 3 ethylene oxide groups. The R^5 groups can be attached to each other, e.g., through an oxygen or nitrogen atom, to form a ring structure.

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These amine oxide surfactants in particular include C_{10} - C_{18} alkyl dimethyl amine oxides and C_8 - C_{12} alkoxy ethyl dihydroxy ethyl amine oxides.

When included therein, the detergent compositions of the present invention typically comprise from 0.2% to about 15%, preferably from about 1% to about 10% by weight of such semi-polar nonionic surfactants.

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The detergent composition of the present invention may further comprise a cosurfactant selected from the group of primary or tertiary amines.

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Suitable primary amines for use herein include amines according to the formula R_1NH_2 wherein R_1 is a C_6 - C_{12} , preferably C_6 - C_{10} alkyl chain or $R_4X(CH_2)_n$, X is $-O-$, $-C(O)NH-$ or $-NH-$, R_4 is a C_6 - C_{12} alkyl chain n is between 1 to 5, preferably 3. R_1 alkyl chains may be straight or branched and may be interrupted with up to 12, preferably less than 5 ethylene oxide moieties.

Preferred amines according to the formula herein above are n -alkyl amines. Suitable amines for use herein may be selected from 1-hexylamine, 1-octylamine, 1-decylamine and laurylamine. Other preferred primary amines include C_8 - C_{10} oxypropylamine, octyloxypropylamine, 2-ethylhexyloxypropylamine, lauryl amido propylamine and amido propylamine.

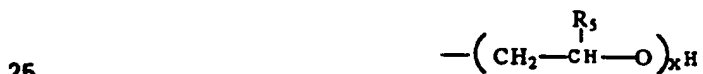
Suitable tertiary amines for use herein include tertiary amines having the formula $R_1R_2R_3N$ wherein R_1 and R_2 are C_1 - C_8 alkyl chains or



R_3 is either a C_6 - C_{12} , preferably C_6 - C_{10} alkyl chain, or R_3 is $R_4X(CH_2)_n$, whereby X is $-O-$, $-C(O)NH-$ or $-NH-$, R_4 is a C_4 - C_{12} , n is between 1 to 5, preferably 2-3. R_5 is H or C_1 - C_2 alkyl and x is between 1 to 6.

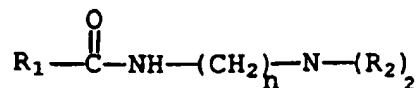
R_3 and R_4 may be linear or branched; R_3 alkyl chains may be interrupted with up to 12, preferably less than 5, ethylene oxide moieties.

Preferred tertiary amines are $R_1R_2R_3N$ where R_1 is a C_6 - C_{12} alkyl chain, R_2 and R_3 are C_1 - C_3 alkyl or



where R_5 is H or CH_3 and $x = 1-2$.

Also preferred are the amidoamines of the formula:



wherein R_1 is C_6 - C_{12} alkyl; n is 2-4,

preferably n is 3; R₂ and R₃ is C₁-C₄

Most preferred amines of the present invention include 1-octylamine, 1-hexylamine, 1-decylamine, 1-dodecylamine, C8-10oxypropylamine, N
5 coco 1-3diaminopropane, coconutalkyldimethylamine, lauryldimethylamine, lauryl bis(hydroxyethyl)amine, coco bis(hydroxyethyl)amine, lauryl amine 2 moles propoxylated, octyl amine 2 moles propoxylated, lauryl amidopropyldimethylamine, C8-10 amidopropyldimethylamine and C10 amidopropyldimethylamine.

10 The most preferred amines for use in the compositions herein are 1-hexylamine, 1-octylamine, 1-decylamine, 1-dodecylamine. Especially desirable are n-dodecyldimethylamine and bishydroxyethylcoconutalkylamine and oleylamine 7 times ethoxylated, lauryl amido propylamine and cocoamido propylamine.

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Optional detergent ingredients :

Other detergent enzymes

20 The detergent compositions can in addition to the combination of α -amylase enzymes and eventually cellulases further comprise one or more enzymes which provide cleaning performance and/or fabric care benefits.

Said enzymes include enzymes selected from hemicellulases,
25 peroxidases, proteases, gluco-amylases, other amylases, xylanases, lipases, esterases, cutinases, pectinases, reductases, oxidases, phenoloxidases, lipoxygenases, ligninases, pullulanases, tannases, pentosanases, malanases, β -glucanases, arabinosidases chondroitinase, laccase or mixtures thereof.

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A preferred combination is a cleaning composition having a cocktail of conventional applicable enzymes like protease, amylase, lipase, cutinase and/or cellulase in conjunction with one or more plant cell wall degrading enzymes.

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Peroxidase enzymes are used in combination with oxygen sources, e.g. percarbonate, perborate, persulfate, hydrogen peroxide, etc. They are used for "solution bleaching", i.e. to prevent transfer of dyes or pigments removed from substrates during wash operations to other substrates in the wash solution. Peroxidase enzymes are known in the art, and include, for example, horseradish peroxidase, ligninase, and haloperoxidase such as chloro- and bromo-peroxidase.

Peroxidase-containing detergent compositions are disclosed, for example, in PCT International Application WO 89/099813 and in European Patent application EP No. 91202882.6, filed on November 6, 1991.

Said peroxidases are normally incorporated in the detergent composition at levels from 0.0001% to 2% of active enzyme by weight of the detergent composition.

Preferred commercially available protease enzymes include those sold under the tradenames Alcalase, Savinase, Primase, Durazym, and Esperase by Novo Nordisk A/S (Denmark), those sold under the tradename Maxatase, Maxacal, Maxapem and Properase by Gist-Brocades, those sold by Genencor International, and those sold under the tradename Opticlean and Optimase by Solvay Enzymes. Also proteases described in patent applications EP 251 446, WO91/06637, WO94/10591 and US serial number 08/322676 can be included in the detergent composition of the invention. Protease enzyme may be incorporated into the compositions in accordance with the invention at a level of from 0.0001% to 2% active enzyme by weight of the composition.

It has been found that the addition of proteases to the combination of α -amylases according to the present invention, enhance the malodor stripping from soiled items.

Other preferred enzymes that can be included in the detergent compositions of the present invention include lipases. Suitable lipase enzymes for detergent usage include those produced by microorganisms of the *Pseudomonas* group, such as *Pseudomonas stutzeri* ATCC 19.154, as disclosed in British Patent 1,372,034. Suitable lipases include those which show a positive immunological cross-reaction with the antibody of the lipase, produced by the microorganism *Pseudomonas fluorescent* IAM

1057. This lipase is available from Amano Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., Nagoya, Japan, under the trade name Lipase P "Amano," hereinafter referred to as "Amano-P". Especially suitable lipases are lipases such as M1 Lipase^R and Lipomax^R (Gist-Brocades) and Lipolase^R and Lipolase Ultra^R(Novo) which have found to be very effective when used in combination with the compositions of the present invention.

It has been found that the addition of lipases to the combination of α -amylases according to the present invention, enhance the malodor stripping from soiled items.

Also suitable are cutinases [EC 3.1.1.50] which can be considered as a special kind of lipase, namely lipases which do not require interfacial activation. Suitable cutinases are described in WO 94/14963 and WO 94/14964. Addition of cutinases to detergent compositions have been described in e.g. WO-A-88/09367 (Genencor).

The lipases and/or cutinases are normally incorporated in the detergent composition at levels from 0.0001% to 2% of active enzyme by weight of the detergent composition.

The above-mentioned enzymes may be of any suitable origin, such as vegetable, animal, bacterial, fungal and yeast origin. Said enzymes are normally incorporated in the detergent composition at levels from 0.0001% to 2% of active enzyme by weight of the detergent composition. They can be added as separate ingredients (pills, granulates,...) or as cogranulate of two or more enzymes.

Other suitable detergent ingredients that can be added are enzyme oxidation scavengers which are described in the copending European patent application 92870018.6 filed on January 31, 1992. Examples of such enzyme oxidation scavengers are ethoxylated tetraethylene polyamines.

Color care benefits

Technologies which provide a type of color care benefit can also be included. Examples of these technologies are metallo catalysts for color

maintenance. Such metallo catalysts are described in the European patent EP 0 596 184 and in the copending European Patent Application No. 94870206.3.

Bleaching agent

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Bleach systems that can be included in the detergent compositions of the present invention include bleaching agents such as PB1, PB4 and percarbonate with a particle size of 400-800 microns. These bleaching agent components can include one or more oxygen bleaching agents and, depending upon the bleaching agent chosen, one or more bleach activators. When present oxygen bleaching compounds will typically be present at levels of from about 1% to about 25%.

The bleaching agent component for use herein can be any of the bleaching agents useful for detergent compositions including oxygen bleaches as well as others known in the art.

The bleaching agent suitable for the present invention can be an activated or non-activated bleaching agent.

One category of oxygen bleaching agent that can be used encompasses percarboxylic acid bleaching agents and salts thereof. Suitable examples of this class of agents include magnesium monoperoxyphthalate hexahydrate, the magnesium salt of meta-chloro perbenzoic acid, 4-nonylamino-4-oxoperoxybutyric acid and diperoxydodecanedioic acid. Such bleaching agents are disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,483,781, U.S. Patent Application 740,446, European Patent Application 0,133,354 and U.S. Patent 4,412,934. Highly preferred bleaching agents also include 6-nonylamino-6-oxoperoxyheptanoic acid as described in U.S. Patent 4,634,551.

Another category of bleaching agents that can be used encompasses the halogen bleaching agents. Examples of hypohalite bleaching agents, for example, include trichloro isocyanuric acid and the sodium and potassium dichloroisocyanurates and N-chloro and N-bromo alkane sulphonamides. Such materials are normally added at 0.5-10% by weight of the finished product, preferably 1-5% by weight.

The hydrogen peroxide releasing agents can be used in combination with bleach activators such as tetraacetythylenediamine (TAED), nonanoyloxybenzene-sulfonate (NOBS, described in US 4,412,934), 3,5,-trimethylhexanoloxybenzenesulfonate (ISONOBS, described in EP 120,591), Phenolsulfonate ester of N-nonanoyl-6-aminocaproic acid (NACA-OBS, described in WO94/28106) or pentaacetylglucose (PAG), which are perhydrolyzed to form a peracid as the active bleaching species, leading to improved bleaching effect. Also suitable activators are acylated citrate esters such as disclosed in Copending European Patent Application No. 91870207.7.

Useful bleaching agents, including peroxyacids and bleaching systems comprising bleach activators and peroxygen bleaching compounds for use in detergent compositions according to the invention are described in our co-pending applications USSN 08/136,626, PCT/US95/07823, WO95/27772, WO95/27773, WO95/27774 and WO95/27775.

The hydrogen peroxide may also be present by adding an enzymatic system (i.e. an enzyme and a substrate therefore) which is capable of generating hydrogen peroxide at the beginning or during the washing and/or rinsing process. Such enzymatic systems are disclosed in EP Patent Application 91202655.6 filed October 9, 1991.

Bleaching agents other than oxygen bleaching agents are also known in the art and can be utilized herein. One type of non-oxygen bleaching agent of particular interest includes photoactivated bleaching agents such as the sulfonated zinc and/or aluminum phthalocyanines. These materials can be deposited upon the substrate during the washing process. Upon irradiation with light, in the presence of oxygen, such as by hanging clothes out to dry in the daylight, the sulfonated zinc phthalocyanine is activated and, consequently, the substrate is bleached. Preferred zinc phthalocyanine and a photoactivated bleaching process are described in U.S. Patent 4,033,718. Typically, detergent compositions will contain about 0.025% to about 1.25%, by weight, of sulfonated zinc phthalocyanine.

Builder system

Th compositions according to the present invention may further comprise a builder system.

5 Any conventional builder system is suitable for use herein including aluminosilicate materials, silicates, polycarboxylates and fatty acids, materials such as ethylenediamine tetraacetate, diethylene triamine pentamethyleneacetate, metal ion sequestrants such as aminopolyphosphonates, particularly ethylenediamine tetramethylene
10 phosphonic acid and diethylene triamine pentamethylenephosphonic acid. Phosphate builders as sodium tripolyphosphate can also be used herein.

Suitable builders can be an inorganic ion exchange material, commonly an inorganic hydrated aluminosilicate material, more particularly
15 a hydrated synthetic zeolite such as hydrated zeolite A, X, B, HS or MAP.

Another suitable inorganic builder material is layered silicate, e.g. SKS-6 (Hoechst). SKS-6 is a crystalline layered silicate consisting of sodium silicate ($\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$).

Suitable polycarboxylates containing one carboxy group include
20 lactic acid, glycolic acid and ether derivatives thereof as disclosed in Belgian Patent Nos. 831,368, 821,369 and 821,370. Polycarboxylates containing two carboxy groups include the water-soluble salts of succinic acid, malonic acid, (ethylenedioxy) diacetic acid, maleic acid, diglycollic acid, tartaric acid, tartronic acid and fumaric acid, as well as the ether
25 carboxylates described in German Offenlegenschrift 2,446,686, and 2,446,687 and U.S. Patent No. 3,935,257 and the sulfinyl carboxylates described in Belgian Patent No. 840,623. Polycarboxylates containing three carboxy groups include, in particular, water-soluble citrates, aconitrates and citraconates as well as succinate derivatives such as the
30 carboxymethyloxysuccinates described in British Patent No. 1,379,241, lactoxysuccinates described in Netherlands Application 7205873, and the oxypolycarboxylate materials such as 2-oxa-1,1,3-propane tricarboxylates described in British Patent No. 1,387,447.

35 Polycarboxylates containing four carboxy groups include oxydisuccinates disclosed in British Patent No. 1,261,829, 1,1,2,2-ethane tetracarboxylates, 1,1,3,3-propane tetracarboxylates and 1,1,2,3-propane

tetracarboxylates. Polycarboxylates containing sulfo substituents include the sulfosuccinate derivatives disclosed in British Patent Nos. 1,398,421 and 1,398,422 and in U.S. Patent No. 3,936,448, and the sulfonated pyrolysed citrates described in British Patent No. 1,082,179, while
5 polycarboxylates containing phosphone substituents are disclosed in British Patent No. 1,439,000.

Alicyclic and heterocyclic polycarboxylates include cyclopentane-cis,cis,cis-tetracarboxylates, cyclopentadienide pentacarboxylates, 2,3,4,5-
10 tetrahydro-furan - cis, cis, cis-tetracarboxylates, 2,5-tetrahydro-furan -cis -dicarboxylates, 2,2,5,5-tetrahydrofuran - tetracarboxylates, 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexane -hexacarboxylates and carboxymethyl derivatives of polyhydric alcohols such as sorbitol, mannitol and xylitol. Aromatic polycarboxylates include mellitic acid, pyromellitic acid and the phthalic acid
15 derivatives disclosed in British Patent No. 1,425,343.

Of the above, the preferred polycarboxylates are hydroxycarboxylates containing up to three carboxy groups per molecule, more particularly citrates.

20 Preferred builder systems for use in the present compositions include a mixture of a water-insoluble aluminosilicate builder such as zeolite A, zeolite MAP or of a layered silicate (SKS-6), and a water-soluble carboxylate chelating agent such as citric acid.

25 A suitable chelant for inclusion in the detergent compositions in accordance with the invention is ethylenediamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid (EDDS) or the alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, or substituted ammonium salts thereof, or mixtures thereof. Preferred EDDS compounds are the free acid form and the sodium or magnesium salt thereof. Examples
30 of such preferred sodium salts of EDDS include Na_2EDDS and Na_4EDDS . Examples of such preferred magnesium salts of EDDS include MgEDDS and Mg_2EDDS . The magnesium salts are the most preferred for inclusion in compositions in accordance with the invention.

35 Preferred builder systems include a mixture of a water-insoluble aluminosilicate builder such as zeolite MAP, zeolite A, and a water-soluble carboxylate chelating agent such as citric acid.

Other builder materials that can form part of the builder system for use in granular compositions include inorganic materials such as alkali metal carbonates, bicarbonates, silicates, and organic materials such as the organic phosphonates, amino polyalkylene phosphonates and amino polycarboxylates.

Other suitable water-soluble organic salts are the homo- or copolymeric acids or their salts, in which the polycarboxylic acid comprises at least two carboxyl radicals separated from each other by not more than two carbon atoms.

Polymers of this type are disclosed in GB-A-1,596,756. Examples of such salts are polyacrylates of MW 2000-5000 and their copolymers with maleic anhydride, such copolymers having a molecular weight of from 20,000 to 70,000, especially about 40,000.

Detergency builder salts are normally included in amounts of from 10% to 80% by weight of the composition preferably from 20% to 70% and most usually from 30% to 60% by weight.

Suds suppressor

Another optional ingredient is a suds suppressor, exemplified by silicones, and silica-silicone mixtures. Silicones can be generally represented by alkylated polysiloxane materials while silica is normally used in finely divided forms exemplified by silica aerogels and xerogels and hydrophobic silicas of various types. These materials can be incorporated as particulates in which the suds suppressor is advantageously releasably incorporated in a water-soluble or water-dispersible, substantially non-surface-active detergent impermeable carrier. Alternatively the suds suppressor can be dissolved or dispersed in a liquid carrier and applied by spraying on to one or more of the other components.

A preferred silicone suds controlling agent is disclosed in Bartollota et al. U.S. Patent 3 933 672. Other particularly useful suds suppressors are the self-emulsifying silicone suds suppressors, described in German Patent Application DTOS 2 646 126 published April 28, 1977. An example of such a compound is DC-544, commercially available from Dow Corning, which is a siloxane-glycol copolymer. Especially preferred suds controlling

agent are the suds suppressor system comprising a mixture of silicone oils and 2-alkyl-alkanols. Suitable 2-alkyl-alkanols are 2-butyl-octanol which are commercially available under the trade name Isofol 12 R.

Such suds suppressor system are described in Copending European Patent application N 92870174.7 filed 10 November, 1992.

Especially preferred silicone suds controlling agents are described in Copending European Patent application N°92201649.8. Said compositions can comprise a silicone/silica mixture in combination with fumed nonporous silica such as Aerosil®.

The suds suppressors described above are normally employed at levels of from 0.001% to 2% by weight of the composition, preferably from 0.01% to 1% by weight.

Others

Other components used in detergent compositions may be employed, such as soil-suspending agents, soil-release agents, optical brighteners, abrasives, bactericides, tarnish inhibitors, coloring agents, and/or encapsulated or non-encapsulated perfumes.

Especially suitable encapsulating materials are water soluble capsules which consist of a matrix of polysaccharide and polyhydroxy compounds such as described in GB 1,464,616.

Other suitable water soluble encapsulating materials comprise dextrans derived from ungelatinized starch acid-esters of substituted dicarboxylic acids such as described in US 3,455,838. These acid-ester dextrans are, preferably, prepared from such starches as waxy maize, waxy sorghum, sago, tapioca and potato. Suitable examples of said encapsulating materials include N-Lok manufactured by National Starch. The N-Lok encapsulating material consists of a modified maize starch and glucose. The starch is modified by adding monofunctional substituted groups such as octenyl succinic acid anhydride.

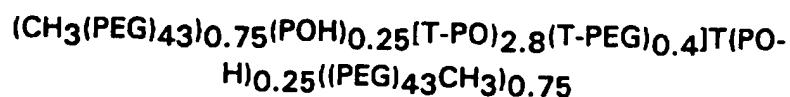
Antir deposition and soil suspension agents suitable herein include cellulose derivatives such as methylcellulose, carb xymethylcellulose and hydroxyethylcellulose, and homo- or co-polymeric polycarboxylic acids or their salts. Polymers of this type include the polyacrylates and maleic anhydride-acrylic acid copolymers previously mentioned as builders, as well as copolymers of maleic anhydride with ethylene, methylvinyl ether or methacrylic acid, the maleic anhydride constituting at least 20 mole percent of the copolymer. These materials are normally used at levels of from 0.5% to 10% by weight, more preferably from 0.75% to 8%, most preferably from 1% to 6% by weight of the composition.

Preferred optical brighteners are anionic in character, examples of which are disodium 4,4'-bis-(2-diethanolamino-4-anilino -s- triazin-6-ylamino)stilbene-2:2' disulphonate, disodium 4, - 4'-bis-(2-morpholino-4-anilino-s-triazin-6-ylamino-stilbene-2:2' - disulphonate, disodium 4,4' - bis-(2,4-dianilino-s-triazin-6-ylamino)stilbene-2:2' - disulphonate, monosodium 4',4'' -bis-(2,4-dianilino-s-tri-azin-6 ylamino)stilbene-2-sulphonate, disodium 4,4' -bis-(2-anilino-4-(N-methyl-N-2-hydroxyethylamino)-s-triazin-6-ylamino)stilbene-2,2' - disulphonate, di-sodium 4,4' -bis-(4-phenyl-2,1,3-triazol-2-yl)-stilbene-2,2' disulphonate, di-so-dium 4,4'bis(2-anilino-4-(1-methyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-s-triazin-6-ylami-no)stilbene-2,2'disulphonate, sodium 2(stilbyl-4''-(naphtho-1',2':4,5)-1,2,3 - triazole-2''-sulphonate and 4,4'-bis(2-sulphostyryl)biphenyl. Highly preferred brighteners are the specific brighteners of copending European Patent application No. 95201943.8.

Other useful polymeric materials are the polyethylene glycols, particularly those of molecular weight 1000-10000, more particularly 2000 to 8000 and most preferably about 4000. These are used at levels of from 0.20% to 5% more preferably from 0.25% to 2.5% by weight. These polymers and the previously mentioned homo- or co-polymeric polycarboxylate salts are valuable for improving whiteness maintenance, fabric ash deposition, and cleaning performance on clay, proteinaceous and oxidizable soils in the presence of transition metal impurities.

Soil release agents useful in compositions of the pres nt inv ntion are conventionally copolymers or terpolymers of terephthalic acid with

ethylen glycol and/or propylene glycol units in various arrangements. Examples of such polymers are disclosed in the commonly assigned US Patent N s. 4116885 and 4711730 and European Published Patent Application No. 0 272 033. A particular preferred polymer in accordance
 5 with EP-A-0 272 033 has the formula



10 where PEG is $-(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_4)_n\text{O}-$, PO is $(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})$ and T is $(\text{pcOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CO})$.

Also very useful are modified polyesters as random copolymers of dimethyl terephthalate, dimethyl sulfoisophthalate, ethylene glycol and 1-2 propane diol, the end groups consisting primarily of sulphobenzoate and secondarily of mono esters of ethylene glycol and/or propane-diol. The
 15 target is to obtain a polymer capped at both end by sulphobenzoate groups, "primarily", in the present context most of said copolymers herein will be end-capped by sulphobenzoate groups. However, some copolymers will be less than fully capped, and therefore their end groups may consist of monoester of ethylene glycol and/or propane 1-2 diol, thereof consist
 20 "secondarily" of such species.

The selected polyesters herein contain about 46% by weight of dimethyl terephthalic acid, about 16% by weight of propane -1.2 diol, about 10% by weight ethylene glycol about 13% by weight of dimethyl
 25 sulfobenzoic acid and about 15% by weight of sulfoisophthalic acid, and have a molecular weight of about 3.000. The polyesters and their method of preparation are described in detail in EPA 311 342.

Is is well known in the art that free chlorine in tap water rapidly
 30 deactivates the enzymes comprised in detergent compositions. Therefore, using chlorine scavenger such as perborate, ammonium sulfate, sodium sulphite or polyethyleneimine at a level above 0.1% by weight of total composition, in the formulas will provide improved through the wash stability of the α -amylase enzymes. Compositions comprising chlorine
 35 scavenger are described in the European patent application 92870018.6 filed January 31, 1992.

Softening agents

Fabric softening agents can also be incorporated into laundry detergent compositions in accordance with the present invention. These agents may be inorganic or organic in type. Inorganic softening agents are exemplified by the smectite clays disclosed in GB-A-1 400 898 and in USP 5,019,292. Organic fabric softening agents include the water insoluble tertiary amines as disclosed in GB-A1 514 276 and EP-B0 011 340 and their combination with mono C12-C14 quaternary ammonium salts are disclosed in EP-B-O 026 527 and EP-B-O 026 528 and di-long-chain amides as disclosed in EP-B-O 242 919. Other useful organic ingredients of fabric softening systems include high molecular weight polyethylene oxide materials as disclosed in EP-A-O 299 575 and O 313 146.

Levels of smectite clay are normally in the range from 2% to 20%, more preferably from 5% to 15% by weight, with the material being added as a dry mixed component to the remainder of the formulation. Organic fabric softening agents such as the water-insoluble tertiary amines or dilong chain amide materials are incorporated at levels of from 0.5% to 5% by weight, normally from 1% to 3% by weight whilst the high molecular weight polyethylene oxide materials and the water soluble cationic materials are added at levels of from 0.1% to 2%, normally from 0.15% to 1.5% by weight. These materials are normally added to the spray dried portion of the composition, although in some instances it may be more convenient to add them as a dry mixed particulate, or spray them as molten liquid on to other solid components of the composition.

Dye transfer inhibition

The detergent composition of the present invention can also include compounds for inhibiting dye transfer from one fabric to another of solubilized and suspended dyes encountered during fabric laundering operations involving colored fabrics.

Polymeric dye transfer inhibiting agents

- The detergent compositions according to the present invention also comprise from 0.001% to 10 %, preferably from 0.01% to 2%, more preferably from 0.05% to 1% by weight of polymeric dye transfer inhibiting agents. Said polymeric dye transfer inhibiting agents are normally
- 5 incorporated into detergent compositions in order to inhibit the transfer of dyes from colored fabrics onto fabrics washed therewith. These polymers have the ability to complex or adsorb the fugitive dyes washed out of dyed fabrics before the dyes have the opportunity to become attached to other articles in the wash.
- 10 Especially suitable polymeric dye transfer inhibiting agents are polyamine N-oxide polymers, copolymers of N-vinylpyrrolidone and N-vinylimidazole, polyvinylpyrrolidone polymers, polyvinylloxazolidones and polyvinylimidazoles or mixtures thereof.
- 15 Addition of such polymers also enhances the performance of the enzymes according the invention.

a) Polyamine N-oxide polymers

- 20 The polyamine N-oxide polymers suitable for use contain units having the following structure formula :

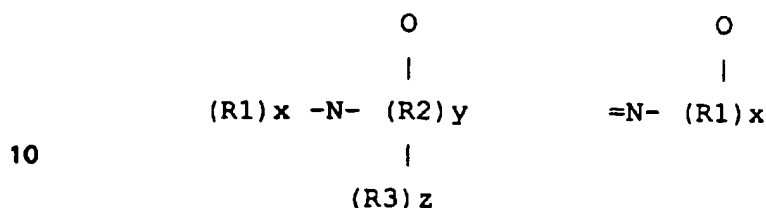


- wherein P is a polymerisable unit, whereto the R-N-O group can be
- 30 attached to or wherein the R-N-O group forms part of the polymerisable unit or a combination of both.

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- 35 A is NC, CO, C, -O-, -S-, -N- ; x is 0 or 1;
R are aliphatic, ethoxylated aliphatics, aromatic, heterocyclic or alicyclic groups or any combination thereof whereto the nitrogen

of the N-O group can be attached or wherein the nitrogen of the N-O group is part of these groups.

The N-O group can be represented by the following general structures :



wherein R1, R2, and R3 are aliphatic groups, aromatic, heterocyclic or alicyclic groups or combinations thereof, x or/and y or/and z is 0 or 1 and wherein the nitrogen of the N-O group can be attached or wherein the nitrogen of the N-O group forms part of these groups.

The N-O group can be part of the polymerisable unit (P) or can be attached to the polymeric backbone or a combination of both.

Suitable polyamine N-oxides wherein the N-O group forms part of the polymerisable unit comprise polyamine N-oxides wherein R is selected from aliphatic, aromatic, alicyclic or heterocyclic groups.

One class of said polyamine N-oxides comprises the group of polyamine N-oxides wherein the nitrogen of the N-O group forms part of the R-group. Preferred polyamine N-oxides are those wherein R is a heterocyclic group such as pyrridine, pyrrole, imidazole, pyrrolidine, piperidine, quinoline, acridine and derivatives thereof.

Another class of said polyamine N-oxides comprises the group of polyamine N-oxides wherein the nitrogen of the N-O group is attached to the R-group.

Other suitable polyamine N-oxides are the polyamine oxides whereto the N-O group is attached to the polymerisable unit.

Preferred class of these polyamine N-oxides are the polyamine N-oxides having the general formula (I) wherein R is an aromatic, heterocyclic or

alicyclic groups wherein the nitrogen of the N-O functional group is part of said R group.

Examples of these classes are polyamine oxides wherein R is a heterocyclic compound such as pyrridine, pyrrole, imidazole and derivatives thereof.

- 5 Another preferred class of polyamine N-oxides are the polyamine oxides having the general formula (I) wherein R are aromatic, heterocyclic or alicyclic groups wherein the nitrogen of the N-O functional group is attached to said R groups.

10 Examples of these classes are polyamine oxides wherein R groups can be aromatic such as phenyl.

Any polymer backbone can be used as long as the amine oxide polymer formed is water-soluble and has dye transfer inhibiting properties. Examples of suitable polymeric backbones are polyvinyls, polyalkylenes, 15 polyesters, polyethers, polyamide, polyimides, polyacrylates and mixtures thereof.

The amine N-oxide polymers of the present invention typically have a ratio of amine to the amine N-oxide of 10:1 to 1:1000000. However the 20 amount of amine oxide groups present in the polyamine oxide polymer can be varied by appropriate copolymerization or by appropriate degree of N-oxidation. Preferably, the ratio of amine to amine N-oxide is from 2:3 to 1:1000000. More preferably from 1:4 to 1:1000000, most preferably from 1:7 to 1:1000000. The polymers of the present invention actually 25 encompass random or block copolymers where one monomer type is an amine N-oxide and the other monomer type is either an amine N-oxide or not. The amine oxide unit of the polyamine N-oxides has a $PK_a < 10$, preferably $PK_a < 7$, more preferred $PK_a < 6$.

The polyamine oxides can be obtained in almost any degree of 30 polymerisation. The degree of polymerisation is not critical provided the material has the desired water-solubility and dye-suspending power.

Typically, the average molecular weight is within the range of 500 to 1000,000; preferably from 1,000 to 50,000, more preferably from 2,000 to 30,000, most preferably from 3,000 to 20,000.

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b) Copolymers of N-vinylpyrrolidine and N-vinylimidazole

The N-vinylimidazole N-vinylpyrrolidone polymers used in the present invention have an average molecular weight range from 5,000-1,000,000, preferably from 5,000-200,000.

Highly preferred polymers for use in detergent compositions according to the present invention comprise a polymer selected from N-vinylimidazole N-vinylpyrrolidone copolymers wherein said polymer has an average molecular weight range from 5,000 to 50,000 more preferably from 8,000 to 30,000, most preferably from 10,000 to 20,000.

The average molecular weight range was determined by light scattering as described in Barth H.G. and Mays J.W. Chemical Analysis Vol 113, "Modern Methods of Polymer Characterization".

Highly preferred N-vinylimidazole N-vinylpyrrolidone copolymers have an average molecular weight range from 5,000 to 50,000; more preferably from 8,000 to 30,000; most preferably from 10,000 to 20,000.

The N-vinylimidazole N-vinylpyrrolidone copolymers characterized by having said average molecular weight range provide excellent dye transfer inhibiting properties while not adversely affecting the cleaning performance of detergent compositions formulated therewith.

The N-vinylimidazole N-vinylpyrrolidone copolymer of the present invention has a molar ratio of N-vinylimidazole to N-vinylpyrrolidone from 1 to 0.2, more preferably from 0.8 to 0.3, most preferably from 0.6 to 0.4 .

c) Polyvinylpyrrolidone

The detergent compositions of the present invention may also utilize polyvinylpyrrolidone ("PVP") having an average molecular weight of from about 2,500 to about 400,000, preferably from about 5,000 to about 200,000, more preferably from about 5,000 to about 50,000, and most preferably from about 5,000 to about 15,000. Suitable polyvinylpyrrolidones are commercially available from ISP Corporation, New York, NY and Montreal, Canada under the product names PVP K-15 (viscosity molecular weight of 10,000), PVP K-30 (average molecular weight of 40,000), PVP K-60 (average molecular weight of 160,000), and PVP K-90 (average molecular weight of 360,000). Other suitable polyvinylpyrrolidones which are commercially available from BASF Cooperation include S kalan HP 165 and Sokalan HP 12;

polyvinylpyrrolidones known to persons skilled in the detergent field (see for example EP-A-262,897 and EP-A-256,696).

d) Polyvinylloxazolidone :

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The detergent compositions of the present invention may also utilize polyvinylloxazolidone as a polymeric dye transfer inhibiting agent. Said polyvinylloxazolidones have an average molecular weight of from about 2,500 to about 400,000, preferably from about 5,000 to about 200,000, more preferably from about 5,000 to about 50,000, and most preferably from about 5,000 to about 15,000.

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e) Polyvinylimidazole :

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2,500 to about 400,000, preferably from about 5,000 to about 200,000, more preferably from about 5,000 to about 50,000, and most preferably from about 5,000 to about 15,000.

f) Cross-linked polymers :

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Cross-linked polymers are polymers whose backbone are interconnected to a certain degree; these links can be of chemical or physical nature, possibly with active groups on the backbone or on branches; cross-linked polymers have been described in the Journal of Polymer Science, volume 22, pages 1035-1039.

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In one embodiment, the cross-linked polymers are made in such a way that they form a three-dimensional rigid structure, which can entrap dyes in the pores formed by the three-dimensional structure. In another embodiment, the cross-linked polymers entrap the dyes by swelling.

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Such cross-linked polymers are described in the co-pending patent application 94870213.9

35 Method of washing

The compositions of the invention may be used in essentially any washing or cleaning methods, including soaking methods, pretreatment methods and methods with rinsing steps for which a separate rinse aid composition may be added.

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The process described herein comprises contacting fabrics with a laundering solution in the usual manner and exemplified hereunder.

10 The process of the invention is conveniently carried out in the course of the cleaning process. The method of cleaning is preferably carried out at 5 °C to 95 °C, especially between 10°C and 60°C. However, specific amylase enzymes within the specified enzymatic concentration, have demonstrated superior starch cleaning even for wash cycles occurring at very low temperatures (between 10°C and 25°C). The
15 pH of the treatment solution is preferably from 7 to 11.

A preferred machine dishwashing method comprises treating soiled articles with an aqueous solution of the machine dishwashing or rinsing composition. A conventional effective amount of the machine dishwashing
20 composition means from 8-60 g of product dissolved or dispersed in a wash volume from 3-10 litres.

According to a manual dishwashing method, soiled dishes are contacted with an effective amount of the dishwashing composition, typically from
25 0.5-20g (per 25 dishes being treated). Preferred manual dishwashing methods include the application of a concentrated solution to the surfaces of the dishes or the soaking in large volume of dilute solution of the detergent composition.

30 The compositions of the invention may also be formulated as hard surface cleaner compositions.

The following examples are meant to exemplify compositions of the present invention, but are not necessarily meant to limit or otherwise
35 define the scope of the invention.

In the detergent compositions, the enzymes levels are expressed in pure enzyme by weight of the total composition and the abbreviated component identifications have the following meanings:

- LAS** : Sodium linear C₁₂ alkyl benzene sulphonate.
- TAS** : Sodium tallow alkyl sulphate.
- XYAS** : Sodium C_{1X} - C_{1Y} alkyl sulfate.
- SAS** : C₁₂-C₁₄ secondary (2,3) alkyl sulfate in the form of the sodium salt.
- AEC** : Alkyl ethoxycarboxylate surfactant of formula C₁₂ ethoxy (2) carboxylate.
- SS** : Secondary soap surfactant of formula 2-butyl octanoic acid.
- 25EY** : A C₁₂-C₁₅ predominantly linear primary alcohol condensed with an average of Y moles of ethylene oxide.
- 45EY** : A C₁₄ - C₁₅ predominantly linear primary alcohol condensed with an average of Y moles of ethylene oxide.
- XYEZX** : C_{1X} - C_{1Y} sodium alkyl sulfate condensed with an average of Z moles of ethylene oxide per mole.
- Nonionic** : C₁₂-C₁₅ mixed ethoxylated and/or propoxylated fatty alcohol with an average degree of ethoxylation of 3 to 7 and an average degree of propoxylation of 4.5.

CFAA	: C ₁₂ -C ₁₄ alkyl N-methyl glucamide
TFAA	: C ₁₆ -C ₁₈ alkyl N-methyl glucamide.
Silicate	: Amorphous Sodium Silicate (SiO ₂ :Na ₂ O ratio = 2.0)
NaSKS-6	: Crystalline layered silicate of formula δ -Na ₂ Si ₂ O ₅
Carbonate	: Anhydrous sodium carbonate
Metasilicate	: Sodium metasilicate (SiO ₂ :Na ₂ O ratio = 2.0)
Phosphate or STPP	: Sodium tripolyphosphate
MA/AA	: Copolymer of 1:4 maleic/acrylic acid, average molecular weight about 80,000
PA30	: Polyacrylic acid of average molecular weight of approximately 8,000.
Terpolymer	: Terpolymer of average molecular weight approx. 7,000, comprising acrylic:maleic:ethylacrylic acid monomer units at a weight ratio of 60:20:20
480N	: Random copolymer of 3:7 acrylic/methacrylic acid, average molecular weight about 3,500.
Polyacrylate	: Polyacrylate homopolymer with an average molecular weight of 8,000 sold under the tradename PA30 by BASF GmbH
Zeolite A	: Hydrated Sodium Aluminosilicate of formula Na ₁₂ (AlO ₂ SiO ₂) ₁₂ · 27H ₂ O having a primary particle size in the range from 1 to 10 micrometers

- Citrat** : Tri-sodium citrate dihydrat
- Citric** : Citric Acid
- Perborate** : Anhydrous sodium perborate monohydrate
bleach, empirical formula $\text{NaBO}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$
- PB4** : Anhydrous sodium perborate tetrahydrate
- Percarbonate** : Anhydrous sodium percarbonate bleach of
empirical formula $2\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$
- TAED** : Tetraacetyl ethylene diamine
- Paraffin** : Paraffin oil sold under the tradename Winog 70
by Wintershall.
- Pectinase** : Pectolytic enzyme sold under the tradename
Pectinex AR by Novo Nordisk A/S.
- Xylanase** : Xylanolytic enzyme sold under the tradenames
Pulpzyme HB or SP431 by Novo Nordisk A/S or
Lyxasan (Gist-Brocades) or Optipulp or
Xylanase (Solvay).
- Protease** : Proteolytic enzyme sold under the tradename
Savinase, Alcalase, Durazym by Novo Nordisk
A/S, Maxapem and Maxacal sold by Gist-
Brocades and proteases described in patent
applications WO91/06637 and/or WO95/10591
and/or EP 251 446.
- Lipase** : Lipolytic enzyme sold under the tradename
Lipolase and Lipolase Ultra by Novo Nordisk
A/S.

Peroxidase	: Peroxidase enzyme.
Cellulas -I, II	: Endoglucanase 50 kD, endoglucanase 43 kD.
Amylase I, II	: α -amylase enzyme derived from B. Licheniformis, known as Termamyl®, α -amylase enzyme known as Duramyl® and described in WO95/10603.
CMC	: Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose
HEDP	: 1,1-hydroxyethane diphosphonic acid
DETPMP	: Diethylene triamine penta (methylene phosphonic acid), marketed by Monsanto under the Trade name Dequest 2060.
PAAC	: pentaamine acetate cobalt (III) sal.
BzP	: Benzoyl peroxide.
PVP	: Polyvinyl pyrrolidone polymer.
EDDS	: Ethylenediamine -N, N'- disuccinic acid, [S,S] isomer in the form of the sodium salt.
Granular Suds Suppressor	: 12% Silicone/silica, 18% stearyl alcohol, 70% starch in granular form
SCS	: Sodium cumene sulphonate
Sulphate	: Anhydrous sodium sulphate.
HMWPEO	: High molecular weight polyethylene oxide

PGMS	: Polyglycerol monostearate having a tradename of Radasurf 248
TAE 25	: Tallow alcohol ethoxylate (25)
BTA	: Benzotriazole
Bismuth nitrate	: Bismuth nitrate salt
NaDCC	: Sodium dichloroisocyanurate
KOH	: 100% Active solution of Potassium Hydroxide
pH	: Measured as a 1% solution in distilled water at 20°C.

Example 1

Granular fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention
 5 were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
LAS	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
Phosphate	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Carbonate	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Silicate	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Zeolite A	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
DETPMP	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Sodium sulfate	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Amylase I	0.0035	0.01	0.005	0.003	0.014
Amylase II	0.0025	0.01	0.005	0.007	0.006
Cellulase I	0.001	-	-	0.001	-
Cellulase II	-	-	0.001	0.001	-
Protease	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.005	-
Pectinase	0.02	-	-	-	-
Xylanase	-	-	0.01	0.02	-
Lipase	0.005	0.01	-	-	-

Water & minors

Up to 100%

Example 2

- Granular fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention
 5 were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
LAS	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Zeolite A	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0
SS	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
SAS	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Citrate	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Sodium Sulfate	17.0	17.0	17.0	28.0	17.0
Perborate	16.0	16.0	16.0	-	16.0
TAED	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	5.0
Protease	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.08	-
Lipase	0.005	0.01	-	-	-
Cellulase I	-	0.001	-	-	0.001
Cellulase II	-	-	-	0.001	0.001
Amylase I	0.01	0.0045	0.05	0.014	0.005
Amylase II	0.01	0.0105	0.05	0.006	0.005
Water & minors	Up to 100%				

Example 3

- 10 Granular fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention
 which are especially useful in the laundering of coloured fabrics were
 prepared as follows :

	I	II	III
LAS	11.4	10.7	-
TAS	1.8	2.4	-
TFAA	-	-	4.0
45AS	3.0	3.1	10.0
45E7	4.0	4.0	-
25E3S	-	-	3.0

68E11	1.8	1.8	-
25E5	-	-	8.0
Citrate	14.0	15.0	7.0
Carbonate	-	-	10
Citric	3.0	2.5	3.0
Zeolite A	32.5	32.1	25.0
Na-SKS-6	-	-	9.0
MA/AA	5.0	5.0	5.0
DETPMP	1.0	0.2	0.8
Protease	0.02	0.02	0.01
Cellulase I	-	-	0.001
Cellulase II	0.002	-	0.001
Amylase I	0.015	0.02	0.0025
Amylase II	0.015	0.01	0.0035
Silicate	2.0	2.5	-
Sulphate	3.5	5.2	3.0
PVP	0.3	0.5	-
Poly (4-vinylpyridine)-N-oxide/copolymer of vinyl-imidazole and vinyl-pyrrolidone	-	-	0.2
Perborate	0.5	1.0	-
Peroxidase	0.01	0.01	-
Phenol sulfonate	0.1	0.2	-
Water/Minors	Up to 100%		

Example 4

Granular fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention
 5 were prepared as follows:

	I	II
LAS	6.5	8.0
Sulfate	15.0	18.0
Zeolite A	26.0	22.0
Sodium nitrilotriacetate	5.0	5.0
PVP	0.5	0.7
TAED	3.0	3.0

Boric acid	4.0	-
Perborate	0.5	1.0
Phenol sulphonate	0.1	0.2
Protease	0.06	0.02
Silicate	5.0	5.0
Carbonate	15.0	15.0
Peroxidase	0.1	0.1
Pectinase	0.02	-
Cellulase I	0.005	0.002
Cellulase II	-	0.001
Amylase I	0.005	0.01
Lipase	0.01	-
Amylase II	0.005	0.003
Water/minors	Up to 100%	

Example 5

- A compact granular fabric cleaning composition in accord with the
 5 invention was prepared as follows:

45AS	8.0
25E3S	2.0
25E5	3.0
25E3	3.0
TFAA	2.5
Zeolite A	17.0
NaSKS-6	12.0
Citric acid	3.0
Carbonate	7.0
MA/AA	5.0
CMC	0.4
Poly (4-vinylpyridine)-N-oxide/ copolymer of vinylimidazole and vinylpyrrolidone	0.2
Protease	0.05
Lipase	0.001
Cellulase I	0.01
Cellulase II	-

Amylase I	0.005
Amylase II	0.005
TAED	6.0
Percarbonate	22.0
EDDS	0.3
Granular suds suppressor	3.5
water/minors	Up to 100%

Example 6

- 5 A granular fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention which provide "softening through the wash" capability were prepared as follows:

	I	II
45AS	-	10.0
LAS	7.6	-
68AS	1.3	-
45E7	4.0	-
25E3	-	5.0
Coco-alkyl-dimethyl hydroxy-ethyl ammonium chloride	1.4	1.0
Citrate	5.0	3.0
Na-SKS-6	-	11.0
Zeolite A	15.0	15.0
MA/AA	4.0	4.0
DETPMP	0.4	0.4
Perborate	15.0	-
Percarbonate	-	15.0
TAED	5.0	5.0
Smectite clay	10.0	10.0
HMWPEO	-	0.1
Protease	0.02	0.01
Lipase	0.02	0.01
Amylase I	0.015	0.0035
Amylase II	0.015	0.0025
Cellulase I	0.001	-

Cellulas -II	0.001	-
Silicate	3.0	5.0
Carbonate	10.0	10.0
Granular suds suppressor	1.0	4.0
CMC	0.2	0.1
Water/minors	Up to 100%	

Example 7

5 Liquid fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
AS	12.0	18.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	15.0
AE3S	8.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0
Polyhydroxy fatty acid amide	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0
Nonionic	2.5	3.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	4.0
Amido propyl amine	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	2.5	2.5
Tallow palm kernel FA	5.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0
Rapeseed FA	2.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Citric acid	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0
Protease	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Lipase	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Amylase I	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.009	0.006	0.006
Amylase II	0.006	0.003	0.005	0.004	0.009	0.007
Cellulase I	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003
Cellulase II	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008
Ethoxylated tetraethylene pentamine	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
1,2 Propylene glycol, methyl capped PEG	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethanol	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.2	3.0	2.2

Propanediol	9.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	9.0
MeA	4.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	4.5	4.5
NaOH	2.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
Borax-Ca Format	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0
Brightener 36	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
DETPMP	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Water and minors	Balance to 100%					

Example 8

- 5 Liquid fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
AS	12.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	15.0
AE3S	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Polyhydroxy fatty acid amide	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Nonionic	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	5.0
Tallow palm kernel FA	6.0	7.0	4.5	7.0	7.0
Rapeseed FA	3.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	3.0
Citric acid	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0
Protease	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Lipase	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Amylase I	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.009	0.006
Amylase II	0.006	0.003	0.005	0.004	0.009
Cellulase I	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003
Cellulase II	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008
Ethoxylated tetraethylene pentaamine	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
1,2 Propylene glycol, methyl capped PEG	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethanol	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.2	3.0
Propanediol	9.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0
MeA	4.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	4.5
NaOH	2.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.5
Borax-Ca Format	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.0

Bright ner 36	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Silicone	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
DETPMP	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.9
Water and minors	Balance to 100%				

Example 9

- 5 Liquid fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
AS	12.0	12.0	12.0	15.0	14.0
AE3S	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.0	4.0
Polyhydroxy fatty acid amide	4.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	4.0
Nonionic	2.5	2.5	2.5	4.0	4.5
Amido propyl amine	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0
Tallow palm kernel FA	4.5	4.5	4.5	8.0	7.5
Rapeseed FA	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Citric acid	2.0	3.5	2.0	1.0	1.0
Protease	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Lipase	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Amylase I	0.015	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.009
Amylase II	0.014	0.006	0.003	0.005	0.004
Cellulase I	0.0005	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003
Cellulase II	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008
Ethoxylated tetraethylene pentaamine	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
1,2 Propylene glycol, methyl capped PEG	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethanol	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.2	3.0
Propanediol	9.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0
MeA	4.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	4.5
NaOH	2.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.5
Borax-Ca Format	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.0
Brightener 36	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Silic ne	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

DETPMP	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.9
Water and minors	Balance to 100%				

Example 10

- 5 Heavy duty liquid fabric cleaning compositions suitable for use in the pretreatment of stained fabrics, and for use in a machine laundering method, in accord with the invention were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV	V
24AS	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
SS	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Citrate	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
12Eg	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Monethanolamine	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Protease	0.005	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.01
Lipase	0.002	0.01	0.02	-	0.004
Amylase I	0.005	0.005	0.001	0.01	0.002
Amylase II	0.0025	0.002	0.001	0.007	0.002
Cellulase I	0.04	-	0.01	-	-
Cellulase II	-	0.02	0.01	-	0.001
Pectinase	0.02	0.02	-	-	-
Water/propylene glycol/ethanol (100:1:1)					

10 **Example 11**

Heavy duty liquid fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention were prepared as follows:

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	I	II	III	IV
LAS acid form	-	-	25.0	-
C ₁₂₋₁₄ alkenyl succinic acid	3.0	8.0	10.0	-
Citric acid	10.0	15.0	2.0	2.0
25AS acid form	8.0	8.0	-	15.0

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25AE2S acid form	-	3.0	-	4.0
25AE7	-	8.0	-	6.0
25AE3	8.0	-	-	-
CFAA	-	-	-	6.0
DETPMP	0.2	-	1.0	1.0
Fatty acid	-	-	-	10.0
Oleic acid	1.8	-	1.0	-
Ethanol	4.0	4.0	6.0	2.0
Propanediol	2.0	2.0	6.0	10.0
Protease	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
Cellulase I	0.04	-	-	0.01
Cellulase II	-	0.001	0.001	0.001
Amylase I	0.002	0.007	0.003	0.005
Amylase II	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.005
Coco-alkyl dimethyl hydroxy ethyl ammonium chloride	-	-	3.0	-
Smectite clay	-	-	5.0	-
PVP	1.0	2.0	-	-
Perborate	-	1.0	-	-
Phenol sulphonate	-	0.2	-	-
Peroxidase	-	0.01	-	-
NaOH		Up to pH 7.5		
Waters/minors		Up to 100%		

Example 12

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The following rinse added fabric softener composition, in accord with the invention, was prepared (parts by weight).

Softener active	24.5
PGMS	2.0
TAE 25	1.5
Amylase I	0.0005
Amylase I	0.0005
Cellulase I	0.001

Cellulase II	-
HCL	0.12
Antifoam agent	0.019
Blue dye	80ppm
CaCl ₂	0.35
Perfume	0.90

Example 13

- 5 Syndet bar fabric cleaning compositions in accord with the invention were prepared as follows:

	I	II	III	IV
C12-16 alkyl sulfate, Na	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
CFAA	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C11-13 alkyl benzene sulphonate, Na	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Sodium carbonate	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Sodium pyrophosphate	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Sodium tripolyphosphate	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Zeolite A	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
CMC	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Polyacrylate (MW 1400)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Coconut monethanolamide	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Amylase I	0.01	0.006	0.007	0.01
Amylase II	0.005	0.014	0.003	0.005
Cellulase I	-	0.004	-	0.01
Cellulase II	0.001	-	-	0.001
Protease	0.3	-	0.5	0.05
Brightener, perfume	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CaSO ₄	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MgSO ₄	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Water	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Filler* : balance to 100%

*Can be selected from convenient materials such as CaCO₃, talc, clay (Kaolinite, Smectite), silicates, and the like.

5 Example 14

The following compact high density (0.96Kg/l) dishwashing detergent compositions I to VI were prepared in accord with the invention:

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
STPP	-	-	48.80	37.39	-	-
Citrate	32.95	17.05	-	-	17.05	25.40
Carbonate	-	17.50	-	20.00	20.00	25.40
Silicate	33.00	14.81	20.36	14.81	14.81	-
Metasilicate	-	2.50	2.50	-	-	-
Perborate	1.94	9.74	7.79	14.28	9.74	-
PB4	8.56	-	-	-	-	-
Percarbonate	-	-	-	-	-	6.70
Nonionic	1.50	2.00	1.50	1.50	2.00	2.60
TAED	4.78	2.39	2.39	-	-	4.00
HEDP	0.83	1.00	0.46	-	0.83	-
DETPMP	0.65	0.65	-	-	-	-
PAAC	-	-	-	0.20	-	-
BzP	-	-	-	4.44	-	-
Paraffin	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-	0.20
Protease	0.075	0.05	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.01
Lipase	-	0.001	-	0.005	-	-
Amylase I	0.005	0.003	0.005	0.01	0.005	0.0007
Amylase II	0.005	0.002	0.01	0.005	0.005	0.0018
Cellulase I	0.001	-	0.005	-	-	0.001
Cellulase II	0.001	-	-	-	0.001	-
BTA	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	-	-
Bismuth Nitrate	-	0.30	-	-	-	-
PA30	4.02	-	-	-	-	-
Terpolymer	-	-	-	4.00	-	-
480N	-	6.00	2.77	-	6.67	-
Sulphate	7.11	20.77	8.44	-	26.24	1.00

pH (1% solution)	10.80	11.00	10.90	10.80	10.90	9.60
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Example 15

The following granular dishwashing detergent compositions
 5 examples I to IV of bulk density 1.02Kg/L were prepared in accord with the
 invention:

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
STPP	30.00	30.00	30.00	27.90	34.50	26.70
Carbonate	30.50	30.50	30.50	23.00	30.50	2.80
Silicate	7.40	7.40	7.40	12.00	8.00	20.34
Perborate	4.40	4.40	4.40	-	4.40	-
NaDCC	-	-	-	2.00	-	1.50
Nonionic	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.90	1.20	0.50
TAED	1.00	1.00	-	-	1.00	-
PAAC	-	-	0.004	-	-	-
BzP	-	1.40	-	-	-	-
Paraffin	0.25	0.25	0.25	-	-	-
Protease	0.05	0.05	0.05	-	0.1	-
Lipase	0.005	-	0.001	-	-	-
Amylase I	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.006	0.007	0.01
Amylase II	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.014	0.003	0.005
Cellulase I	0.001	0.005	-	-	-	0.001
Cellulase II	-	-	-	0.001	-	0.001
BTA	0.15	-	0.15	-	-	-
Sulphate	23.90	23.90	23.90	31.40	17.40	-
pH (1% solution)	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.70	10.70	12.30

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Example 16

15 The following detergent composition tablets of 25g weight were
 prepared in accord with the present invention by compression of a granular

dishwashing detergent composition at a pressure of 13KN/cm² using a standard 12 head rotary press:

	I	II	III
STPP	-	48.80	47.50
Citrate	26.40	-	-
Carbonate	-	5.00	-
Silicate	26.40	14.80	25.00
Protease	0.03	0.075	0.01
Lipase	0.005	-	-
Amylase I	0.005	0.002	0.001
Amylase II	0.005	0.003	0.001
cellulase I	-	0.01	0.01
Cellulase II	0.004	0.01	-
Perborate	1.56	7.79	-
PB4	6.92	-	11.40
Nonionic	1.20	2.00	1.10
TAED	4.33	2.39	0.80
HEDP	0.67	-	-
DETPMP	0.65	-	-
Paraffin	0.42	0.50	-
BTA	0.24	0.30	-
PA30	3.2	-	-
Sulphate	25.05	14.70	3.20
pH (1% solution)	10.60	10.60	11.00

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Example 17

The following liquid dishwashing detergent compositions in accord with the present invention I to II, of density 1.40Kg/L were prepared:

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	I	II
STPP	33.30	20.00
Carbonate	2.70	2.00
Silicate	-	4.40

NaDCC	1.10	1.15
Nonionic	2.50	1.00
Paraffin	2.20	-
Protease	0.03	0.02
Amylase I	0.0025	0.0018
Amylase II	0.00025	0.0007
Cellulase I	0.04	0.01
cellulase II	-	0.005
480N	0.50	4.00
KOH	-	6.00
Sulphate	1.60	-
pH (1% solution)	9.10	10.00

Example 18

The following liquid hard surface cleaning compositions were prepared in accord with the present invention :

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Amylase I	0.01	0.002	0.005	0.006	0.0007	0.003
Amylase II	0.01	0.003	0.005	0.014	0.0003	0.002
Cellulase I	0.01	-	-	-	0.01	-
Cellulase II	0.005	0.01	-	-	-	-
Protease	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.005	0.005
EDTA *	-	-	2.90	2.90	-	-
Na Citrate	-	-	-	-	2.90	2.90
NaC12 Alkyl benzene sulfonate	1.95	-	1.95	-	1.95	-
NaC12 Alkyl sulfate	-	2.20	-	2.20	-	2.20
NaC12(ethoxy) **sulfate	-	2.20	-	2.20	-	2.20
C12 Dimethylamine oxide	-	0.50	-	0.50	-	0.50
SCS	1.30	-	1.30	-	1.30	-
Hexyl Carbitol **	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30
Water	Balance to 100%					

- *Na4 ethylenediamine diacetic acid
- **Diethylene glycol monohexyl ether
- ***All formulas adjusted to pH 7

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Example 19

The following spray composition for cleaning of hard surfaces and removing household mildew was prepared in accord with the present invention:

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	I
Amylase I	0.005
Amylase II	0.005
Cellulase I	-
Cellulase II	0.01
Protease	0.01
Sodium octyl sulfate	2.00
Sodium dodecyl sulfate	4.00
Sodium hydroxide	0.80
Silicate (Na)	0.04
Perfume	0.35
Water/minors	up to 100%

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A detergent composition characterised in that said detergent composition comprises at least two α -amylases.
- 10 2. A detergent composition according claim 1 wherein said α -amylases are comprised at a level of from 0.0001% to 0.1%, preferably from 0.0002% to 0.06%, more preferably from 0.0003% to 0.05% total pure α -amylase enzymes by weight of total composition.
- 15 3. A detergent composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein said α -amylases are an α -amylase derived from *Bacillus licheniformis* and an α -amylase variant comprising a C-terminal part of an α -amylase derived from *B. licheniformis* and a N-terminal part of an α -amylase derived from *B. amyloliquefaciens* or from *B. stearothermophilus* wherein the Met amino acid residue at position 197 has been substituted preferably by a Leu, Thr, Ala, Gly, Ser, Ile or Asp amino acid residue.
- 20 4. A detergent composition according to any of the preceding claims further comprising a cellulase.
- 25 5. A detergent composition according to claim 4 wherein said cellulase is a 50kD endoglucanase or 43kD endoglucanase.
- 30 6. A detergent composition according to any of the preceding claims, further comprising one or more components selected from anionic, nonionic, cationic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants, builder, bleach system, suds suppressors, soil suspension and anti-redeposition agents, smectite clays and the like.
- 35 7. A detergent composition according to any of the preceding claims further comprising other enzymes providing cleaning performance and/or fabric care benefits.

8. A detergent composition according to claim 7 wherein said other enzyme is a protease.
9. A detergent composition according to claims 7-8 wherein said other
5 enzyme is a lipase.
10. A detergent composition according to claims 1-9 which is in the form of a detergent additive.
- 10 11. Use of a combination of α -amylases in detergent composition for odor control.

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